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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 02-1076-A)

In Re Application of: Avella, et al.)
Serial No.: To Be Assigned)
(claims benefit of U.S. 60/443,436))
Filed: January 29, 2004)
Title: Polymerized Hemoglobin)
Solutions Having Reduced)
Amounts of Tetramer and)
Method for Preparing)

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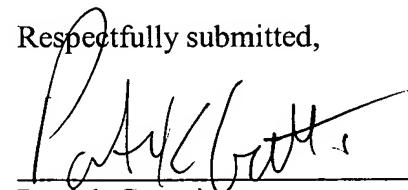
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above referenced application, please enter the following amendment.

Amendment to the Claims

Please cancel claims 30 – 32.

Respectfully submitted,


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